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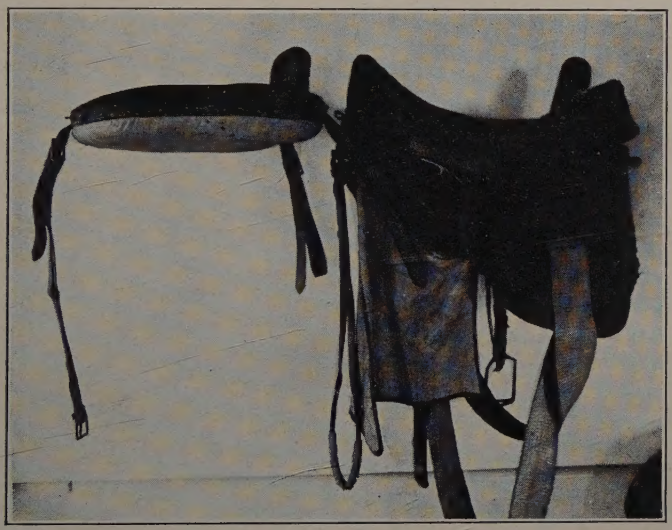

SADDLE AND PILLION ON WHICH LAFAYETTE RODE IN COMPANY WITH MISS ABIGAIL HAZARD WHEN ON A VISIT TO THE HOME OF HER FAMILY IN THE SOUTH COUNTY.

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Fox Hunting in Colonial Rhode Island

By WILLIAM DAVIS MILLER

In a paper recently read before the American Antiquarian Society,[1] I considered at some length the lack of historical evidence in support of the tradition that the fox was hunted with "hound and horn" in the Narragansett Country and upon the island of Rhode Island in Colonial days. Since then, the tradition having again been presented as a fact,[2] it seems proper that reasons against the acceptance of this legend as a fact should once more be recited.

In the Narragansett Country this legend is based wholly upon tradition, and a careful survey of contemporary records, diaries and letters produce not the slightest indication that fox hunting in the approved British manner was ever

[1] At the meeting held in Boston in April, 1933.

[2] *Newport, the Cradle of American Sports*, a paper read by Maud Howe Elliott, printed in the Bulletin of the Newport Historical Society, October, 1933.

enjoyed by the Planters of that district. There are but few references to dogs in the inventories, and not a word of such a valuable asset as a pack is mentioned in any document. There is, furthermore, not a single mention of an organized hunt, nor of a hunt in any form, in letters or in diaries of the period. That the fox was hunted is not to be questioned, for the depredations made upon the barnyard fowls of the landholders could not have been allowed to pass without reprisals, but such hunting would appear to have been carried on in the modern South County method with dog and gun.

The present belief that fox hunting as a sport was a pastime of the Narragansett Planters may have had its origin in two known references accepted without due examination or consideration, and from which it might appear that the hunt was enjoyed on the island of Rhode Island. Dean Berkeley, later to be Bishop of Cloyne, came to the island in the year 1728. There at his house Whitehall, he wrote a series of philosophical dialogues which he entitled *Alciphron;* or *The Minute Philosopher.* In the opening portion of the *Fifth Dialogue*[3] occur these sentences upon which the fox hunting legend is mainly based: "But we had hardly seated ourselves and looked about us when we saw a fox by the foot of our mount run into an adjecent thicket. A few minutes after, we heard a confused noise of the opening of hounds, and winding of horns, and the roaring of country squires." As the description of "our mount" given by Berkeley and the view to be seen from its place is without question Honeyman's Hill, it is understandable to suppose that a hunt was actually in progress in the immediate vicinity. Unfortunately for those who would desire to produce this as evidence of their contention that this was what Berkeley himself saw, a further and careful examination of *Alciphron*

[3] *The Works of George Berkeley*, etc., Alexander Campbell Fraser, Oxford, 1901, vol. II, p. 194. Recently this reference to fox hunting was quoted as from a letter from Berkeley to a friend. If this was true it would have turned the tables, but as it is, it is a serious error.

discloses the fact that while Berkeley made use of the lovely scenery adjacent to Whitehall as the setting for the philosophical meditations of Crito and his friends, their conservation and mental attitude show clearly that they considered themselves in England and not a great distance from London and further that their actions and the actions of those about them were those of Englishmen at home.[4] Unfortunately, apparently to substantiate this mistaken belief that the hunt actually occurred near Newport, a belief which Fraser himself would seem to have shared, a footnote is appended to this colorful account stating: "This spirited picture of a fox chase is characteristic of Rhode Island when Berkeley lived there. See my *Life and Letters of Berkeley* (1871), p. 159."[5] On examination the passage referred to in this note discloses simply these words: "And the fox chase, with hounds and horns, as well as fishing and fowling, were favorite sports in Narragansett." Fraser, from his own account, apparently secured his description of the countryside and life in Narragansett and the island of Rhode Island by correspondence, and his informant in Narragansett was one who upheld the fox hunting legend simply by statement and not with proof.

There is, however, further evidence to be examined. A later account of life in Newport, during the Revolutionary period, contains, mainly because of erroneous juxtaposition in the text, added fuel to the fire which, fortunately, can be effectively extinguished. In the second volume of *France and New England*,[6] the memoirs or journal of Louis, Baron de Closen, or Von Closen, one of Rochambeau's aides and a Captain in the Royal Deux Ponts regiment, is quoted with reference to his impressions while in Newport. Among other

[4]This conclusion is upheld by Canon Luce of Trinity College, Dublin, a recent visitor to Rhode Island in connection with his studies relative to Bishop Berkeley.

[5]Further, and similar, mention is made on p. 169.

[6]Allen Forbes and Paul F. Cadman, State Street Trust Co., Boston, 1927, p. 45.

excerpts from the journal with reference to the beauty of the ladies, and the customs of the residents is found the following: "through the woods, accompanied by twenty horsemen. We have forced more than thirty foxes; the packs of hounds owned by these sportsmen are perfect."

From the context it is quite natural to believe that de Closen was referring to his visit in Newport and the numerous pleasures he enjoyed, but because of a strong conviction that the chase was not a sport near Newport, a suspicion arose that this reference was from a different portion of his journal, which led to the request that an examination be made of the manuscript copy in the Library of Congress.[7] Through the courtesy of J. F. Jameson, Chief of the Division of Manuscripts, this was done and it was found that, while the sentences quoted in *France and New England* were accurately translated, the quotation, had it been continued two sentences further, would have thrown an entirely different light on the question. After a long sentence with reference to the type of fox and its seeming lack of stamina, the next sentence begins: "Les environs de Williamsburg favorisent bien cette manière de chasser . . . " So that it was not in the neighborhood of Newport, but of Williamsburg, Virginia, where fox hunting had long been enjoyed, that Rochambeau and his aide followed the hounds[8] and found the packs perfect though the fox was weak.

Therefore, until a contemporary diary, letter or record comes to light and in which definite mention is made of the sport in the Colony of Rhode Island, the pleasing tradition of a pastime of the Squires of Newport and the Planters of Narragansett must reluctantly be believed a myth. This

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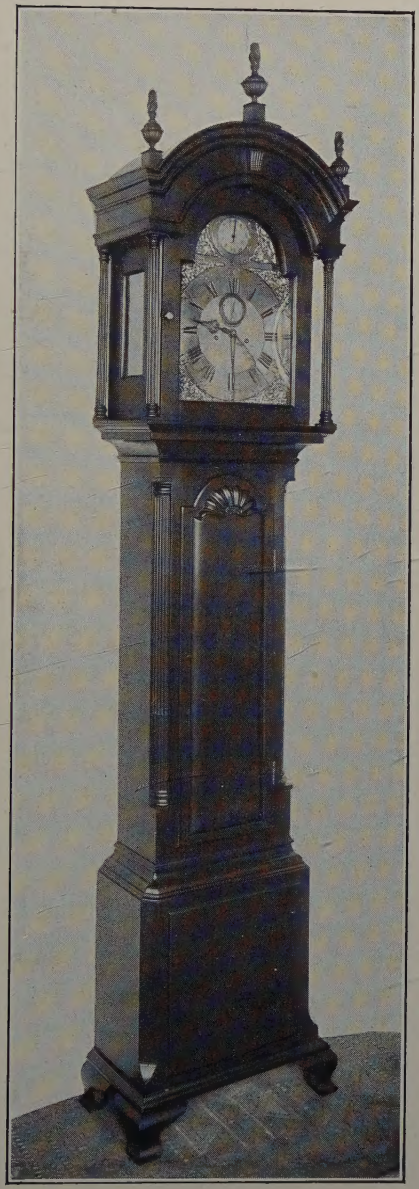
[7]This manuscript copy was made by Worthington C. Ford, Esqr., but unfortunately, due to the restrictions imposed by the owners of the original, it cannot be published. The quotation under discussion appears on page 29 of the second volume of the manuscript in the Library of Congress.

[8]J. J. Jusserand, in his *With Americans of Past and Present Days*, p. 99, also refers to de Closen's mention of the fox hunt and he also omits the reference to Williamsburg.



GODDARD CLOCK

Bequeathed to the Society by C. Prescott Knight.

reluctance was recently expressed by an antiquarian, a New Englander living in Virginia, when after careful research being unable to prove what he wished, he wrote: "They must have used guns after all!"

The Dee River of 1583

(*Now called Narragansett Bay*)

and Its Relation to Norumbega

By William B. Goodwin

In a paper read before the December 12, 1933, meeting of the Rhode Island Historical Society entitled "The Truth Concerning Norumbega" as to both its meaning and its actual location, a part of the proof as to where the river, the cape, the country and the Indian trading town were all actually located is taken from a document preserved in the British Record Office, excerpts from which follow hereafter. This document is a grant by indenture from Sir Humphrey Gilbert to Sir George Peckham and his son, George Peckham, dated the last day of February 1583, and acknowledged before Queen Elizabeth, March 1, of the same year and enrolled July 1st.

There is a still further agreement[1] between Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Thomas Gerrard and Sir George Peckham, excerpts from which follow. In these two documents there is a definite description of land, of a river, of islands within that river, and a section of land amounting to fifteen hundred thousand acres, lying next west to the five islands within the bay and river along the sea coast.

[1]Through the courtesy of Mr. Goodwin, a copy of this document is on file in the library of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Inasmuch as there has been no attempt to properly locate the River of Norumbega—although there have been some writers who have suggested that the Cape of Norumbega is no other than Cape Cod—the casual reader of these two documents had no means of knowing where this distinct allotment of land to Sir George Peckham, his son George and to Sir Thomas Gerrard actually lay along our sea coast. However, all the information that Sir Humphrey and his fellow adventurers or in fact anybody in England knew in the year 1583 concerning our coast between Cape Breton and Spanish Florida, was obtained for them at the behest of Queen Elizabeth and at her expense through Dr. John Dee who went to Europe for that purpose, travelling extensively, and who also was to himself receive a very broad grant above a certain parallel of latitude in payment for his services.

In these documents there are references which give us the key as to where this land actually was to be set off to the backers of Sir Humphrey Gilbert for their money in advance to fit out his expeditions, for it distinctly speaks of the John Dee Bay and River with five islands in it. John Dee made two maps—one of them for Queen Elizabeth, and one of them for Sir Humphrey Gilbert—and his map of North America does not contain on it any reference to the John Dee Bay and River, nor to the five islands, but the scribe who wrote this indenture between Sir Humphrey Gilbert and his backers shows that Sir Humphrey grants—"all that ryver or porte called, by Master John Dee, Dee Ryver which Ryver by the discripcon of John Verarzanus, a Florentyne, lyeth in Septontrionall latitude about fortye twoo degrees and has his mouth lyinge open to the south halfe a league broade . . . conteyneth in it selfe five small Islandes newlie named the Cinque Isles."

By means of this description we know that Narragansett Bay containing its five islands is intended, for we know that Verrazano described but two rivers in all his journey from South Carolina to Labrador—the one the Hudson and the

other the Bay of Refuge, where he had refitted his ships and made friends with the natives and which Bay of Refuge lay a little to the North and East of the triangular island of Louisa or Claudia, named for the Queen Mother and Queen of Francis I of France, Verrazano's patron.

In addition, moreover, we have another proof that the John Dee Bay and River is actually Narragansett Bay because the articles of indenture go on to grant, in addition to the river and bay, "Fyftene hundred thousande acres of ground extende next alongst the sea coaste Westwarde towardes the ryver of Norumbeage".

The description of this amount of land from Point Judith carries us 60 miles along the coast and 38 miles inland and is equal to 2356 square miles and would extend about 16 miles west of the Connecticut River, namely to the present Guilford Harbor. This is the first grant of land in North America.

Immediately following these indentures, Sir Humphrey sailed from England and in due course reached St. John's, Newfoundland, and there started to found a colony among the fishing vessels, twenty-six of which were in the harbor when he arrived.

In the end, after a turbulent stay, Sir Humphrey put to sea and lost still another ship, making his way towards the John Dee Bay and River, and the Cape and the River of Norumbega, which had been described by Verrazano. Eight days out of St. John's he lost another ship and he turned back with two remaining vessels. Sir Humphrey in the little "Squirrel", but eight tons, went down, off within striking distance of the Azores, and the "Golden Hind", the last of a fine fleet, struggled home to tell the story of misadventure and defeat. So thus the great intended settlement of part of what is now Rhode Island and Connecticut, granted with definite bounds, never came to consummation.

The Deed of 1583

Writing between Gilbert knt. & Peckham Knt.

Articles Indented of agreemente made concluded and agreed upon the laste days of Februarie in the fyve and twentieth yere of the raigne of oure soveraigne ladye Elizabethe by the grace of god Queene of Englande Fraunce and Irelande defendor of the faithe &c. Betwene Syr Humfrey Gilbert of Compton in the Countie of Devon knighte on the one partie and Sir George Peckham of Denham in the Countie of Bucks knighte and George Peckham his second sonne on the other partie as followeth viz.

Imprimis Whereas oure saide Soveraigne ladye the Queenes majestie by her graces lettres Patents under the greate seale of England bearing date at Westminster the eleventh daye of June in the twentieth yere of her majesties raigne hath geven and granted unto the said Syr Humfrey Gilberte his heires and assignes for ever free libertye from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter forever to discover searche finde owte and vewe such remote heathen and barborous landes countries and territories not actuallie possessed of any Christian Prince or people as to him his heires or assignes and to every or any of them shall seme good and the same to have holde occupie and enjoye to him and his heires forever with all commodities Jurisdicions and rialties both by sea and lande and did likwise by the said lettres patents for her majestie her heires and Successors geve full power and authoritie to the saide Sir Humfrey his heires and assignes and every of them that he and they and every or any of them shall or maye at every time and tymes hereafter have take and leade in the said voyage to travel thitherwardes or to inhabit there with him or them and every or any of them suche and so many of her majestyes subjectes as shall willinglie accompanye him and them and every or any of them with sufficiente shippinge and furniture for

their transportacions so that none of the saide persons or any of them be suche as after the makinge of the said lettres patents shoulde be speciallie restrayned by our saide soveraigne her heires or successors the statutes or actes of Parliamente made againste fugitives or against such as shall departe remaine or contynue oute of her majesties realme of Englande withoute licence or any other acte statute lawe or matter whatsoever to the contrarie in anywise notwithstandinge as by the saide lettres patentes amongeste other grauntes articles and libertyes therein conteyned more at large appeareth. Nowe the saide Sir Humfrey Gilberte as well for the more spedye execucion of her majesties saide grauntes and then largmente of her majesties Domynions and govermente and also for the better encouragemente of the saide Sir George Peckham and George hys sonne and their associates in so worthie and comendable an enterprise as also for his and their sure warrante to prosecute the same orderlie accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme. And in consideracon that the saide Sir George hath disbursed diverse sommes of money and adventured the same as a principall adventurer with the saide Sir Humfrey as also for divers other weightie and good consideracions him the saide Sir Humfrey speciallie movinge for hym his heires executors administrators and assignes and every of them doth covenante premise and graunte to and with the saide George Peckham knighte and George hys sonne their heires executors administrators and assignes by theis presentes that the said Sir George Peckham and George his sonne his and their assignes and associates adventurers and people and every of them shall and may at all tymes hereafter and from tyme to tyme forever have and enjoy full power and free libertie and authoritie by vertue of the saide lettres patentes to discover searche fynde oute and vewe any landes Countries or Islandes heretofore not discovered searched and inhabited by any Christian Prince or people by the assignemente of the saide Sir Humfrye his heires and successors and allso to enjoye to his and their owne use all

that ryver or porte called, by Master John Dee, Dee Ryver which Ryver by the discripcion of John Verarzanus a Florentyne lyeth in Septontrionall latitude about fortye twoo degrees and has his mouth lyinge open to the South halfe a league brode or there aboute and enteringe Within the saide Baye betweene the Easte and the Northe encreaseth his breadith and contynueth twelve leagues or there abouts and then maketh a gulfe of twentie leagues compasse or thereabouts and conteyneth in it selfe five small Islandes newlie named the Cinque Isles. And the saide gulfe and the fyve Isles therein and all other Isles lyinge within the saide Ryver or gulfe together with fyfteene hundred thousande acres or grounde within the supposed contynent lyinge nexte adjoininge upon the saide ryver gulfe and fyve Isles at the choyce of the saide Sir George and George his yongeste sonne their heires deputies or assignes or any of them. To have holde and enjoye the saide Isle and Islande together with the saide fyfteene hundred thousande acres of landes. [blank to end of line]
to the saide Sir George Peckham and George Peckham their heires and assignes to hys and their onlie uses forever by Soccage tenure of the same Sir Humfrye his heyres and assignes so as the uttermoste parts or lymytts of the saide Fyftene hundred thousande acres of grounde extende next alongst the sea coaste Westwarde towardes the ryver of Norumbeage* above threescore englishe myles in length at the moste with full powre and aucthoritie to inhabite people and manure the said Islandes landes countries and territories with all Jurisdiccions priviledges liberties and royallties both by lande and by sea alongest all the costes of the saide countries and territories as is aforesaid yeldinge and payinge unto the saide Sir Humfrye his heires succes-

*In Norumbeagé, the "u" is written "v," as is common through the document. It is followed by four minims, instead of three, and these could read "un" or "im," though none are dotted. It is, however, probably an error on the part of the scribe.

sors or assignes for every thousande acres of grounde of the saide fiftene hundred thousande acres of grounde after the firste seaven yeres proporcianallie which the same shalbe actuallie possessed and manured by the said Sir George Peckham or George his sonne their heires or assignes five shillinges and twoo fyfte partes of all the golde silver pearle and precious stones there growinge founde had and gotten oute of the which twoo fyfte partes the Queenes majesties parte reserved by the lettres patentes ys to be allowed and deduced. Item that they the saide Sir George nor George his sonne their heires nor assignes shalbe charged with any contribucion towards any Warres other then defencis and that onlie by acte of Parliamente of whiche assemblie the saide Sir George and all those which shall beare the name of an Associate with hym shalbe as principall members in every suche Sessions and assemblie. Item the saide Sir Humfrye for the consideracions aforesaide doth covenante and graunte for him selfe his heires successors and assignes and every of them to and with the saide Sir George Peckham and George his sonne their heires and assignes and every of them by theis presentes that he the saide Sir George and George his sonne their heires assignes and people and every of them shall and maye have and enjoye free liberties to trade and traffique into all suche Countries Islandes Isles and territories and into every and any parte of them which the saide Sir Humfrye his heires successors or assignes shall possesse by vertue of the Queene majesties saide lettres patents and his graunte thereof and also that he the saide Sir George and George hys sonne their heires and assignes and every of them shall have thexecucion of all lawes Ecclesiasticall temporall politique marshall and Civill both marine and others and every of them aswell within the precincte of the said fyfteene hundred thousande acres of grounde as also uppon the sea coste thereof so farr as the saide landes shall extende it selfe as aforesaide Item the saide Sir Humfrye Gilberte for him his heires successors and assignes doth covenante from tyme to tyme upon

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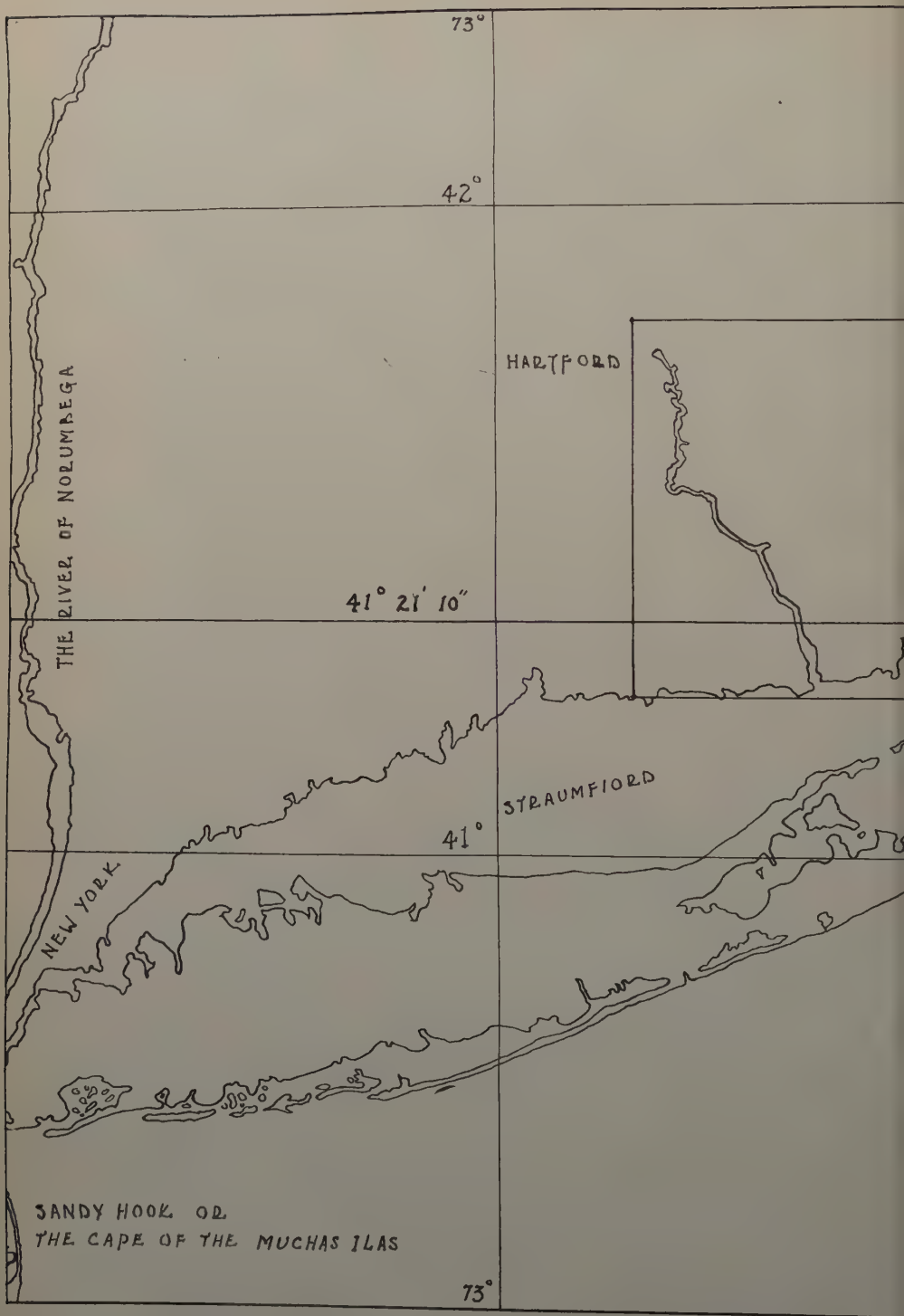
STRING OF COPPER BEADS MADE IN IMITATION OF WAMPUM BEADS

(Unearthed in an Indian Grave at Burr Hill, Warren, R. I.)

performance of the covenantes in this booke conteyned to exonerate discharge and sufficientlie to save harmeles the saide Sir George and George his sonne theire heires and assignes and everie of them of and from the Quenes majestie her heyres successors and assignes for and concernynge the payment of the Ewer of golde and silver and other duties services and demaundes to her majestie her heires and successors by the saide lettres patents payeble and reserved and likewise shall and will fynishe suche further and better assuraunce and assuraunce of the premysses unto the saide Sir George and George hys sonne their heyres and assignes forever. Within three monethes nexte after the firste and nexte retorne of the saide Sir Humfrye or hys assignes consortes adventurers or associates from the saide voyage of discoverye by the saide Sir Humfrye nowe intended in suche manner and sorte as by the saide Sir George and George hys sonne their heyres or assignes or any of them or the learned counsell of them or any of them shalbe reasonablie and lawfullye devised and required And the same Sir George and George hys sonne for them selfs their heires and assignes and every of them doe covenant premyse and graunt to and with the saide Sir Humfrey his heires successors and assignes and every of them by theise presents that they the said Sir George and George hys sonne shall doe their best indevor to procure and obteyne her majesties leave and good lykeinge that all those whoe have or shall adventure with the saide Sir Humfrye Sir George or George hys sonne or eyther of them into the saide Countries and whose names shalbe entered into a register booke for that purpose to be made and kepte and shalbe Willinge to travaile into anye of the saide remote Countries maye freelye passe into those Countries there to remayne or to retorne, backe at hys or their, or any of their Will and Pleasure. And the said Sir George Peckham and George hys sonne doe further covenant and graunte for them selves their heires executors and assignes to and with the said Sir Humfrey Gilbert hys heyres successors and assignes by

theis presents that he nor they nor any of them their heires or assignes shall deferre thexecucon of Justice within their liberties beinge thereunto required by the saide Sir Humfrye hys heyres successors or assignes against any suche as shall conspire against the person of the saide Sir Humfrey hys heyres successors or principall assignee or commytt any capitall offence or shall deteyne or protecte from Justice any person hys landes or goodes contrarie to the lawes to be established in the before mencioned remote countries and territories nowe ment to be discovered Which the saide Sir Humfrye Gilbert hys heyres successors or assignes shall have holde occupie or enjoye by right or tytle under or by vertue of the Quenes majesties lettres patents to hym graunted as before is mencioned provided allwaies and nevertheles yt is concluded condiscended and agreed by and betwene the saide proties that yf the saide Sir George or George hys sonne their heyres or assignes shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter Willinglye Wittinglye and maliciouslye pretend doe or goe about to doe or willinglye suffer to be done any manner of acte thinge or things Whatsoever tendinge to the distruccion or subvercion of the said Sir Humfrey hys heyres successors or chief assigne or principall governor or doe or willinglye commytt any acte Whereby the saide Sir Humfrye hys heyres successors or assignes shall lose the benefitt of the graunt of the said lettres patents or he or hys heyres successors or assignes to be by the Quenes Majestie or her or her successors dissavowed forever or yf he or they doe publiquelye or notoriouslye maynteyne any suche person or persones as shall publiquely or openlye goe about to distroye or overthrowe the right tytle or person of the said Sir Humfrye hys heyres successors or hys chief and principall assigne in princypall governement or the subversion of the common wealth of the said Sir Humfrey hys heyres or successors their Countreys or Terrytoryes that then and from thensfourth this present graunte and all covenants therein conteyned to be come voide and of none effecte to all entents and purposes as yf



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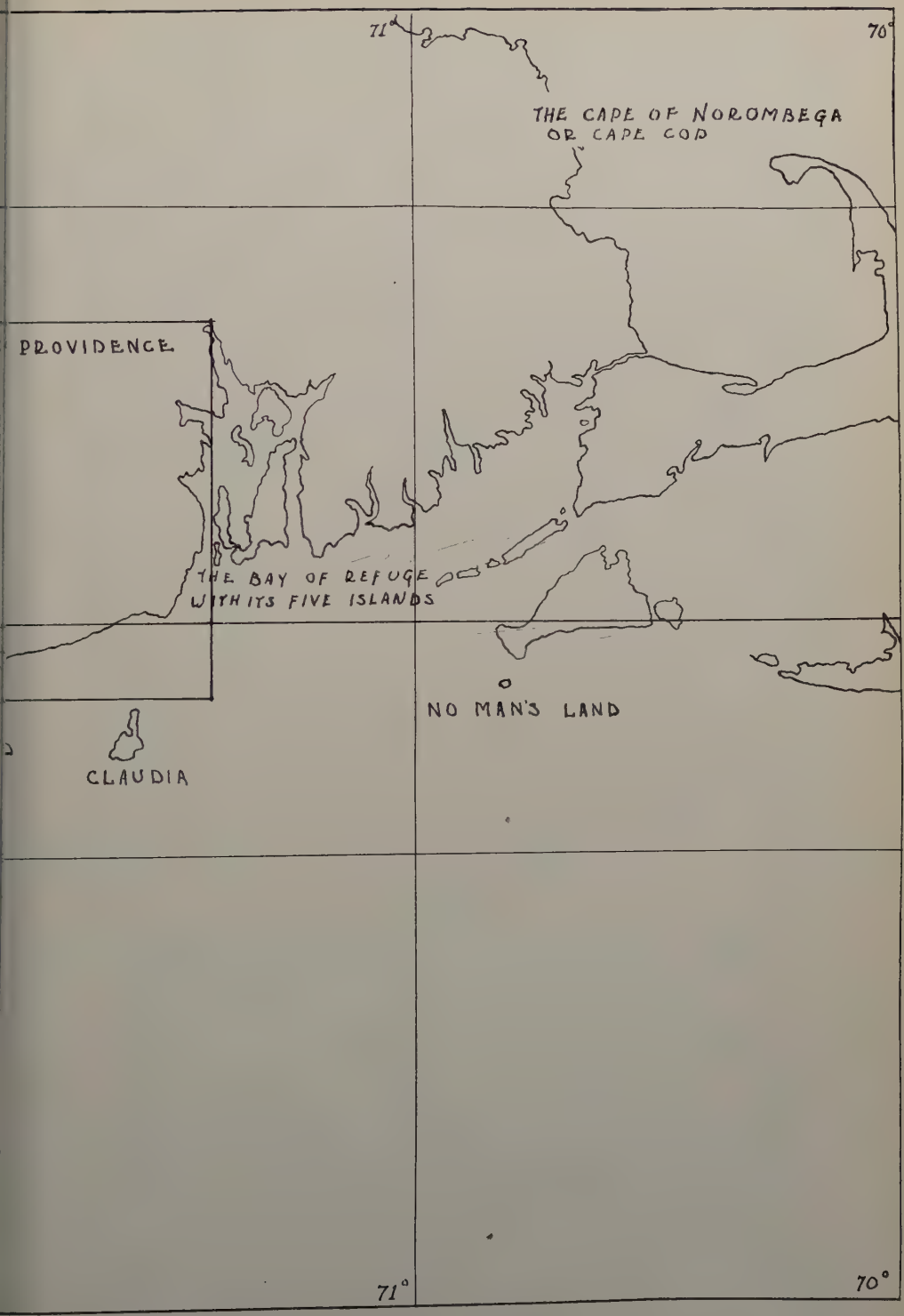

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the same hadd never ben had nor made any thinge in these presents conteyned to the contrarye hereof in any wise notwithstandinge

In wittnes whereof the parties abovesaid to theise present articles Indented Interchaungablie have hereunto putt their hands and seals yeoven the daye and yere first above written

[At the foot in Latin] And know ye that the first day of March the year abovesaid the said Humfrey Gylberte, knight, came before the said Lady the Queen in her chancery and acknowledged the writing aforesaid and all and singular in the same contained and specified in form abovesaid.

Enrolled the first day of July the year abovesaid.

(Close Roll 1154)

Counterfeiting in Colonial Days

Communicated by EDWARD H. WEST

The Examination of Nicholas Camp of Rehoboth taken at Newport 14 August 1723.

Being at John Butterworths house in Rehoboth on or about two yeras Past & Said Butterworths wife Lett me have one three Pound bill which was a counterfitt bill of ye Provence of the Massochusets Bay She Showed me the bill when it was about halfe made & She told me She would Give me one ten Pound for five Pounds if I would take Such bills & Pass them which was the Cause of my Being Concerned in the uttering or Passing of a considerable Sum of Counterfitt Bills which I had of Said Butterworths Wife which three Pound Bill my wife passed to James Dexter at Providence & I never heard of itt Since butt according to

our agreement I Returned thirty Shillings in good bills afterward in Lue of the three Pound bill the Second bill I Received of Sd Butterworths wife was a five Pound Counterfitt bill of the Collony of Rhoad Island I Received itt about a month after I Received Said three Pound Bill & I gott one John Stevens to pass the five Pound bill unto William Turpin of Providence & he gave him in Lue thereof two forty Shilling bills & Some Small bills & I Returned in Lue thereof unto Sd Butterworths wife fifty Shillings or thereabouts but Said Stevens Did not know that itt was a bad bill for I told him I owed Some money to Sd Turpin and could not well Pay him that therefore would Desire him to change itt, I passed away at John Hawses an other five Pound bill to a Providence man & another five Pound bill to Thomas Rolton and had a three Pound bill & a ten Shilling and Some oather Small bills in Change and the two Last bills was of the Collony of Rhoad Island and I received them of John Butterworths wife and Gave one halfe the Sume when Changed according to our agreement unto her the Said Butterworths wife I having some Discous with Sd Butterworths wife I asked her how She Made the bills which She Gave me She told me She Layed a peas of fine watter starched musoline upon them & So Pucked out the Letters upon Said musoline & then Layed the musoline upon a clean Peas of Paper and so made ye Impresion of the Letters by the Letters Pucked out on the musoline with a fine Pen She afterward went over the Letters again as She told me to finish them and I Saw Israel Peck make a pair of Crows quill and understood itt was for that Service and Sea the musoline att the Same time and itt was Pricked out Said Butterworths wife told me that Daniel Hunt of Rehoboth was Concerned in Passing Sd Counterfitt bills of her making and that Her brother Israel Peck came unto her about the time Sd Hunt was Carryed to Bristall and Examined by Coll Byffield about Passing a counterfitt bill and he the Sd Israel Peck then Desired her to Lett him have what Good bills she had in

the house that Hunt might make a Great as appearance as he Could before Coll Byffield but She would not Let Sd Israel have themLeast Hunt Should would Leave of and then She Should not Gett her money againe I then asked her whether Hunt Knowed She had any money & She told mee he Did for her had Changed a pretty deal for her about that time & She told me that Her Brothers Israel Peck & Nicholas Peck Lett him have what Good bills they had to make his appearance before Sd Coll Byffield Said Butterworths wife told me that the first bills that She began to make was of the Collony of Rhoad Island & She likewise told me that She had Eightean or twenty five Pound bills by her when her brother Nicholas Peck was in Prison att Newport for Passing a counterfitt bill and they all Passed Cleen that She maid only that which was taken with Said Nicholas Peck & She told me that they durstnot Pass any of them five Pound bills att Boston for they ware better Known at Boston than they ware att Rhoad Island & the Said Israel Peck helped make the body of the bills him Selfe but Could not finesh any with out her assistance and Israel Peck told me the Same him Selfe She Likewise told my wife that her brother Steven Peck had made two bills one of five Pounds & one twenty Shilling bill and She Said they would not do and therefore She would burn them and my wife told me of that My wife told me Likewise that She went into Butterworths hous & Said Butterworths wife was making a bill & there Lay by her the musoline while She was making the bill that was Peicked out for that Service & She Said to my wife that if She would come to her house She would Learn her & that she had Larnt Nicholas Pecks wife to make them & She could make them as well as her Selfe & She told me that Joseph Carpender Received a bill of twenty Shillings of her which was a counterfitt bill but he returned itt againe unto her and She gave him an oather in Lue thereof I put away about fifty Pounds worth of Counterfitt bills of ye Collony of Connecticut which I had of Said Butterworths wife and all of

them ware five Pound bills and I lett her have one halfe the Sum when Changed I had about two hundred & fifty Pounds in Counterfitt bills of the Collony of Rhoad Island & the Provence of Massachusets bay of Said Butterworths wife which I Passed away I passed Divis of sd five Pound Counterfitt bills of the Collony of Connecticut with the persons hereafter mentioned one to John Bishop one to Madam Mackintosh one to Philip Tilinghast att Providence and one to a Connecticut man one to Pratt of Sailham I passed unto James Dexter of Providence a fourty Shilling bill and my wife passed a five Pound bill unto him both of them was of the Provence of Massachusetts Bay I had them of Sd Butterworths wife She gave me two of these five Pound Bills for one Good one and She made them boath as She told me by the Good bill I Lett her have I putt one Hobots name on the back Side of one of them and that I sent to Josiah Carpendor by my Sister & he received itt I passed one twenty Shilling bill of the Collony of Rhoad Island unto John Frenches wife & her husband Sent itt to Boston but itt was Returned againe & is now in the hands of Justice Smith of Rehoboth & Said bill I had of Said Butterworths wife I passed three bills that was Counterfitt I had two of them of Sd Butterworths wife unto Nicholas Pulin and he Paid them away unto Ebenezer Lyon of the Collony of Connecticut But Sd Pullen did not Know that they ware Good bills Two of them ware of ye Collony of Rhoad Island & one of the Provence of the Massachusets bay the other one I had of Israel Peck

Taken upon Solem oath in Newport above Sd before me — Nicholas Camp

Sam Cranston Gov

John Coddington Just of Peace

Roger Williams' Funeral*

Memorandum of Historical Facts by B. C. H.

Jany 22, 1822 John Howland this day informed me that Roger Williams was burried near Patience Ashtons grave in land now used and ocupied by Sullivan Dorr as a garden said P. Ashtons Grave stones I have seen & they have not been removed until within 5 or 10 years. Howlands information was recd from Governour Bowen who received it from Justice Brown so called (at that time) from his being a Justice of the peace Brown stated that he recollected the funeral of Roger Williams very well, that there was a considerable parade at the time & that guns were fired over his grave, and further stated that he was in the habit of crossing the lots in his way to and from the Neck (where he lived) & not unfrequently directly by the grave of R-----W------ which he stated generally lead to some observations respecting him the said Williams.

Copied from a ledger of Benjamin Cushing Harris, owned by Benjamin Pierce Harris.

New Publications of Rhode Island Interest

More unpublished Berkeley Letters and New Berkeleiana is the title of a nineteen page pamphlet by Canon A. A. Luce which is reprinted from volume 23 of *Hermathena*, 1933. Among the letters included in this article are the two Berkeley letters which are in the Society's library.

The Trading Post of Roger Williams with those of John Wilcox and Richard Smith by Howard M. Chapin is a pamphlet of 26 pages issued in December by the Society of Colonial Wars in Rhode Island.

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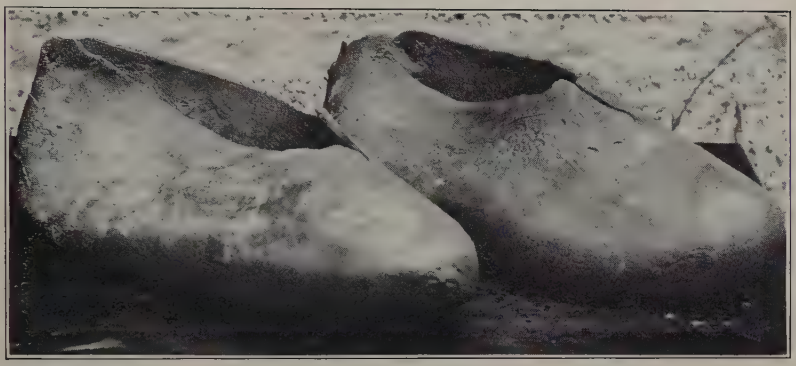
*A brief reference to the funeral of Roger Williams appears on page 12 of the *Report upon the Burial Place of Roger Williams*, which was published by the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1918.



PAIR OF OVERSHOES WORN BY LAFAYETTE AND PRESENTED BY HIM TO GEORGE W. GREENE WHO GAVE THEM TO THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Now in the Society's Museum.

A MEDAL STRUCK IN PROVIDENCE IN 1835 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE DEATH OF LAFAYETTE THE PRECEDING YEAR.

In the Society's Museum.

The Bulletin of the Newport Historical Society for January 1934 contains a paper on *Steamboats on Narragansett Bay* by William King Covell.

Volume 2 of the Collections of the New London County Historical Society, entitled *Connecticut's Naval Office at New London During the War of the American Revolution* by Ernest E. Rogers, contains some letters written by Esek Hopkins.

Antiques for March 1934 contains an article on the date of Gilbert Stuart's death, the place of his burial and the inventory of his estate, by John Hill Morgan.

The Records of the Suffolk County Court, 1671–1680, which are published as volumes 29 and 30 of the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, contain many items of Rhode Island interest, and an interesting and useful introduction by Zechariah Chafee, Jr.

New Members

The following persons have been elected to membership in the Society:

Mr. J. Earle Bacon
Mrs. Benjamin B. Manchester
Mr. Charles C. Stover
Mr. Gardner T. Swarts, Jr.
Mr. William G. Braude

Lafayette Centenary*

Lafayette died on May 20, 1834, and this year, 1934, the centenary of his death is being observed throughout the United States with appropriate ceremonies.

*For an account of Lafayette's visits to Rhode Island, see the Rhode Island Historical Society Collections for January 1926, vol. xix, p. 1.

The Minutes of the Westconnaug Purchase

Transcribed by THEODORE G. FOSTER

(*Continued from page 32*)

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Capt Peter Cook in Scituate in said Purchase on Monday the First Day of October A d 1770. Thomas Hill continued Moderator—

Voted that Mr William West be a Committee Man to go to the Town Clerks offices at Newport and Providence and at Scituate to get from each of their Hands whatever in Plats of the Westquanaug Purchase are recorded in either of their offices agreeable to the former Proprietors order and make a Report thereof to the next Proprietors Meeting

This Meeting is adjournd to the First Monday in March which will be the Fourth Day of the Month A D. 1771. at 10 °Clock Forenoon at the House of Capt Peter Cook Aforesaid

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Capt Peter Cooke in Scituate on Monday the Fourth Day of March A D 1771

Peter Cook Moderator for this Meeting

This Meeting is adjournd to Saturday the 16th Day of this Instant March at 10 °Clock in the Forenoon at the House of Capt Peter Cook in Scituate

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Capt Peter Cook in said Purchase on Saturday the 16th Day of March A D 1771

Thomas Hill continued Moderator

Having heared the Report of Mr William West who was chosen a Committee Man to enquire whether the Original Plats at the Westquanaug Purchase were recorded in Newport or Providence or Scituate agreeable to the Original Proprietors order

And the said West made Report to this Meeting That he has examined the Several Town Clerks Offices and cannot find any Records of the Original Plats or said Purchase on Record in them or either of their Offices

This Meeting is Adjourned to Saturday the First Day of June next at 12 °Clock at Noon at the House of Jeremiah Angell Esq in Scituate March the 16th 1771

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Jeremiah Angell Esq in Scituate on Saturday the First Day of June A D. 1771 Thomas Hill continued Moderator

Whereas there is a Petition exhibitted to this Meeting relating to the Bounds of the Lands of the Westquanuag Purchase which Petition is referred to the next Meeting

This Meeting is adjourned to the Third Saturday in September next at the House of Jeremiah Angell Esq in Scituate at Twelve °Clock at Noon

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Jeremiah Angel Esq in Scituate on Saturday the 21st Day of September A D 1771 Thomas Hill Chosen Moderator

Whereas there was a Petition at the Former Meeting exhibited for Revising and Regulating the Bounds of the Lands in the Westquanaug Purchase where the Persons concernd shall think proper they paying the Charge that shall accrue upon the same

It is therefore Voted that said Petition be received and it is hereby received

This Meeting is adjourned to the First Monday in Novem^{r} at 12 °clock at Noon at the House of Capt Peter Cooke in Scituate in said Purchase————

Test Tho^{s} Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by adjournment at the House of Capt Peter Cooke in said Scituate in said Purchase on Monday the 4th Day of Nov^{r} A D 1771 Thomas Hill Chosen Moderator of this Meeting

Benjamin Wite Jun is chosen a Committee Man in the Room of Capt Chris^{t} Relph——This Meeting is adjourned to the Second Saturday of April next at 12 °Clock at Noon at the House of Capt Peter Cooke in Scituate in said Purchase which will be in the year 1772

Test Tho^{s} Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase at the House of Peter Cooke in Scituate in said Purchase on Saturday the 11th Day of April A D 1772

Thomas Hill continued Moderator of this Meeting

Voted that the Clerk procure a Book suitable for the Recording the Returns that shall be made by the Committee and Surveyor in said Purchase for the Revising and maintaining the original Boundarys in said Purchase——

This Meeting is adjourned to the House of Thomas Brown in Scituate in said Purchase to Monday the 14th Day of September next A D 1772

This Meeting is adjourned to the House of Mr George Taylor Innholder in Said Scituate in said Purchase to Three of the Clock this present Afternoon——

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

At the Time and Place last mentioned the Proprietors met and Continued

Thomas Hill Moderator of this Meeting
This Meeting is adjournd to Saturday the Tenth Day of April next at 12 °Clock at Noon at the House of Stephen Sheldon Innholder in Scituate in said Purchase——
Test Thoˢ Brown Proprietor Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by Adjournment at the House of Stephen Sheldon Junʳ in Scituate in said Purchase on the Tenth of April A D 1773 Thomas Hill continued Moderator
This Meeting adjourned to the Second Saturday of September next which is on the Eleventh Day of said Month A D 1773 at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun in Scituate in said Purchase at Twelve °Clock at Noon

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At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by adjournment at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun Innholder in Scituate in said Purchase on Saturday the 11th Day of Septemʳ A D 1773 Thomas Hill continued Moderator of this Meeting
This Meeting is adjournd to Saturday the 16th Day of October next at 2 °Clock in the Afternoon at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun Innholder in Scituate in said Purchase
Test Thomas Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting held by Adjournment at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun in Scituate in said Purchase on Saturday the 16th Day of October A D 1773
Thomas Hill continued Moderator
This Meeting is adjourned to the First Saturday in April next at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun Innholder in Scituate in said Province at 12 °Clock at Noon
Test Thoˢ Brown Proprietors Clerk

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Westquanaug Purchase held by adjournment at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun Innholder in Scituate in said Purchase on Saturday the Second Day of April A D 1774

Thomas Hill continued Moderator of this Meeting This Meeting adjourned to the First Saturday in October next which will be the First Day of said Month at the House of Stephen Sheldon Jun Innholder in Scituate in said Purchase at 12 °Clock at Noon

Test Thos Brown Proprietors Clerk

Rhode Island Historical Society Treasurer's Report

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1933

Receipts

Annual Dues	$2,495.00
Dividends and Interest	3,916.82
Rental of Rooms	75.00
State Appropriation	1,500.00
	$7,986.82

Expenditures

Binding	$ 47.37
Books	562.86
Electric Light and Gas	35.19
Exhibitions	119.01
Expense	131.61
Grounds	93.78
Heating	700.00
Newspaper	27.67
Publications	550.16
Salaries	5,325.00
Supplies	302.42
Telephone	59.75
Water	8.00
	$7,962.82
Surplus Income Account	24.00
	$7,986.82

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, DECEMBER 31, 1933

Assets

Grounds and Building		$ 25,000.00
Investments:		
Bonds		
$4,000.	Cedars Rapids M. & P. Co., 5s, 1953	$3,228.88
3,000.	Central Mfg. District	3,000.00
3,000.	Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., 5s, 1939	2,565.42
4,000.	Dominion of Canada, 5s, 1952	4,003.91
1,000.	Western Electric Co., 5s, 1944	998.17
4,000.	61 Broadway Bldg., 1st Mtge., 5½s, 1950	4,000.00
4,000.	Minnesota P. & Lt. Co., 1st 5s, 1955	3,930.00
4,000.	Monongahela Valley Traction Co., 1st 5s, 1942	3,685.00
2,000.	Ohio Power Co., 1st & Ref. 5s, 1952	1,974.00
2,000.	Narragansett Elec. Co., 5s, 1947	1,980.00
2,000.	Shell Union Oil Corp., 5s, 1947	1,979.00
2,000.	Koppers Gas & Coke Co., 5s, 1947	1,962.50
1,000.	Indianapolis Power & Lt., 1st 5s, 1957	994.50
1,000.	Texas Pwr. & Lt., 1st Ref. 5s, 1956	1,021.25
1,000.	Pennsylvania R. R., Deb. 4½s, 1970	922.50
1,000.	Pennsylvania Water & Power Co., 1st 5s, 1940	1,005.42
Stocks		
54 shs.	New York Central Railroad Co.	$3,766.47
125 shs.	Pennylsvania Railroad Co.	7,638.35
30 shs.	Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	2,112.50
7 shs.	Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co.	235.39
40 shs.	Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Lt. Co., Pfd.	3,900.00
64 shs.	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	5,960.05
350 shs.	Providence Gas Co.	5,755.68
15 shs.	Providence National Bank 30 shs. Merchants' National Bank Bldg.	1,800.00
45 shs.	Blackstone Canal National Bank	1,050.00
52 shs.	Atchison, Topeka & S.F. Ry. Co., Com.	6,247.85
20 shs.	American Power & Light	1,696.50
30 shs.	Standard Gas & Electric, 4s, Pfd.	1,906.50
35 shs.	Public Service of N. J., 5s, Pfd.	3,327.63
10 shs.	Public Service of N. J., 5s, Cum. Pfd.	990.00
10 shs.	Electric Bond and Share, 5s, Pfd.	922.00
		84,559.47
Cash on hand		4,164.37
		$113,723.84

Liabilities

Equipment Fund		$ 25,000.00
Permanent Endowment Fund:		
Samuel M. Noyes	$12,000.00	
Henry J. Steere	10,000.00	
James H. Bugbee	6,000.00	
Charles H. Smith	5,000.00	
William H. Potter	3,000.00	
Charles W. Parsons	4,000.00	
Esek A. Jillson	2,000.00	
John Wilson Smith	1,000.00	
William G. Weld	1,000.00	
Charles C. Hoskins	1,000.00	
Charles H. Atwood	1,000.00	
Edwin P. Anthony	4,000.00	
John F. Street	1,000.00	
George L. Shepley	5,000.00	
Franklin Lyceum Memorial	734.52	
		56,734.52
Publication Fund:		
Robert P. Brown	$ 2,000.00	
Ira P. Peck	1,000.00	
William Gammell	1,000.00	
Albert J. Jones	1,000.00	
William Ely	1,000.00	
Julia Bullock	500.00	
Charles H. Smith	100.00	
		6,600.00
Life Membership		5,600.00
Book Fund		3,012.41
Reserve Fund		1,043.12
Revolving Publication Fund		165.24
Surplus		13,900.87
Surplus Income Account		1,667.68
		$113,723.84

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1933

Receipts

Reserve Fund	$ 15.15
Revolving Publication Fund	151.30
	$ 166.45
Balance January 1, 1933	2,764.97
	$2,931.42

Payments

Reserve Fund	$ 70.40
Revolving Publication Fund	364.33
	$ 434.73
Balance December 31, 1933	2,496.69
	$2,931.42

Providence, R. I., January 9, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Harrington,
Treasurer

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